

## MINUTES

### RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

#### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AND PARTIES REPRESENTED

Chris Burt	Kinneloa Irrigation District East Pasadena Water Company Huntington Library and Art Gallery
Jennifer Betancourt Torres (A)	Lincoln Avenue Water Company La Canada Irrigation District Las Flores Water Company Pasadena Cemetery Association Valley Water Company
Jim Prior	San Gabriel County Water District
Jose Reynoso	City of Sierra Madre
Tom Tait	City of Arcadia
Gary Takara	City of Pasadena
Jessica Taylor*	California-American Water Company
Armando De La Paz (A)	Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association
Dennis Ahlen (A)*	City of Alhambra

#### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

William Kimberling	Lincoln Avenue Water Company La Canada Irrigation District Las Flores Water Company Pasadena Cemetery Association Valley Water Company
Martin Ray	City of Alhambra
Ken Tchong	Sunny Slope Water Company
Lisa Yamashita-Lopez	Rubio Cañon Land and Water Association

#### OTHERS PRESENT

Larry Duncan	Lincoln Avenue Water Company
Bob Fan	Valley Water Company
Ken Kules	Pasadena Resident
Melvin Matthews	Kinneloa Irrigation District
Dennis Ahlen	City of Alhambra
Brad Boman	City of Pasadena
Casey Feilen	San Gabriel County Water District
Wayne Goehring	East Pasadena Water Company

#### STAFF PRESENT

Lauren Augino	Raymond Basin Management Board
Kelly Gardner	Raymond Basin Management Board

Ana Mata  
Jenny Savron

Raymond Basin Management Board  
Stetson Engineers

*\* Mr. Ahlen and Ms. Taylor arrived later in the meeting.*

1. PRELIMINARY ITEMS

The meeting was called to order by Director Chris Burt, Chair. It was determined that a quorum was present, and he asked Director Tait to lead the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Self-introductions were made and no additions to the agenda were offered.

The Chair asked for public comments, and Mr. Ken Kules, Pasadena resident, referenced distributed copies of the Salt and Nutrient Management Plan (SNMP). He stated that the SNMP was adopted by the RBMB in May 2016, by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) in December 2016 and by the State Water Resources Control Board in May 2017. He added that the SNMP requires annual monitoring and triennial reporting of Total dissolved solids (TDS), nitrate, chloride and sulphate, noting the development of mitigation measures if water quality monitoring indicates higher-than-predicted salt loading.

Additionally, Mr. Kules provided an overview of the most recent reporting for the City of Pasadena's groundwater and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's imported supply, noting that TDS levels in the City of Pasadena's well production have far exceeded the SNMP projections and now exceed the RWQCB Basin Plan objective of 450 parts per million. Lastly, he provided a projection of groundwater TDS quality as shown in the SNMP.

*Ms. Taylor joined the meeting.*

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Takara, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the October 16, 2019 regular meeting were approved.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Reynoso, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the December 19, 2019 special meeting were approved.

2. REPORT FROM OUTSIDE AGENCIES

None

3. TREASURERS REPORT

Treasurer Jose Reynoso reported that, as of December 31, 2019, the Raymond Basin Management Board (RBMB) has collected \$612,000 in Assessments and \$506 in Long-Term Storage. All Assessments, and Long-Term Storage Program Revenue has been collected for fiscal year 2019-20. He added that, as of December 31, 2019, the RBMB has spent \$198,900

(which includes Title 22, and Salvage Credit Reimbursable Expenditures), and currently has a balance of \$32,200 in Receivables and \$3,675,300 in available cash. Reserve Funds available for groundwater recharge projects is \$2,540,000.

Director Burt, Chair, asked for any questions of Director Reynoso, and with none offered, ordered the financial statement for quarter ending December 31, 2019 received and filed.

4. ANNUAL REVIEW OF INVESTMENT POLICY

The Assistant Executive Officer, Ms. Kelly Gardner reported that this item is an annual requirement of the original Resolution adopting the Board Investment Policy (Resolution No. 20-0496). She provided a brief review of how RBMB's investments are managed and noted that Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) has proven to be a secure and flexible fund. She added that 100% of reserves are currently in LAIF. A copy of the Resolution was included in the Board packet and there are no changes recommended at this time.

On motion made by Director Prior, seconded by Director Takara, and unanimously carried, the Investment Policy was reaffirmed.

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Burt, Chair, referred to the written Committee report included in the Board packet and stated that the Committee met on December 19, 2019, and reviewed a draft of today's Board agenda, a list of 2020 RBMB meeting dates, Board and Committee lists and representative seats on the Board. He additionally stated that the Committee also discussed the Pasadena In-Lieu Proposal and a potential bank change. He noted that Director Tait provided a brief update on the potential cooperative project between the cities of Arcadia and Sierra Madre to drill a joint well and improve water levels in the Santa Anita Subarea. Lastly, he mentioned that the Executive Officer reported that the Association of Ground Water Agencies and American Groundwater Trust's Annual Conference is scheduled for February 19 – 20, 2020.

6. PUMPING & STORAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Burt, Chair, reported that the Committee met on January 7, 2020, and discussed the Pasadena Subarea outlining the Alternative Management Scenarios and the City of Pasadena's In-Lieu Proposal.

*Mr. Ahlen joined the meeting.*

7. REPORT ON SIERRA MADRE SPREADING/PUMPING

Director Reynoso provided an overview on the City's program that spreads imported MWD water in the Santa Anita Subarea for groundwater recharge. He explained that the program is beneficial for the City and their intent is to continue.

On motion made by Director Reynoso, seconded by Director Tait, and unanimously carried, the Report on Sierra Madre Spreading/Pumping was approved.

8. REVIEW CITY OF PASADENA'S APPLICATION TO DESTROY ITS MONTE VISTA WELL

Ms. Gardner reported that the City of Pasadena has submitted an application to destroy its Monte Vista Well located near the intersection of Monte Vista Street and Allen Avenue in the City of Pasadena. She stated that the Monte Vista Well has been out of service since December 2007 due to excessive sand production. She reported that the Monte Vista Well was drilled to a depth of 738 feet below ground surface (bgs) in 1925, with a historical pumping capacity of about 1,2000 gallons per minute. She added that the Monte Vista Well was perforated from 384 feet to 685 feet bgs. Ms. Gardner stated that's the destruction of the well will remove a potential source of vertical contaminant migration within the borehole.

RBMB staff has reviewed the City of Pasadena's proposal to destroy the Monte Vista Well according to the RBMB Well Guidelines and determined that it's in compliance.

Director Burt, Chair, asked for any questions of Ms. Gardner, and with none offered, ordered the City of Pasadena's application to destroy its Monte Vista Well received and filed.

9. APPOINT NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2020 BOARD ELECTION

The Assistant Executive Officer stated that this is the time to select a chair of the Nominating Committee and reported that the Executive Committee had proposed that Director Gary Takara serve. Director Takara accepted the nomination and stated that Directors should contact him if they are interested in serving in a specific capacity. The Assistant Executive Officer added that the Nominating Committee will present recommendations for Officers for FY 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 at the April 2020 Board meeting.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Prior, and unanimously carried, Director Takara was appointed to serve as Nominating Committee Chair.

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING "OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS STUDY – TREATED WATER DELIVERIES TO EATON SPREADING GROUNDS"

Ms. Gardner provided an overview on the Treated Imported Water Deliveries to Eaton Spreading Grounds Opportunities and Constraints Study, stating that following discussions between RBMB, Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District and the City of Pasadena, Stetson Engineers was requested to prepare a Scope of Work and Budget for the study. The intent of the study is to review potential new water supply connections to the Eaton

Spreading Grounds for the purpose of replenishing the Pasadena Subarea of the Raymond basin with treated imported water.

Ms. Gardner stated that the Scope of Work will include: existing water delivery and replenishment capabilities and requirements; any impacts to groundwater quality; cost estimates; options to allocate costs; quantify Pasadena Subarea impacts; institutional and regulatory requirements; and preliminary design report. She noted that the proposed not-to-exceed budget for the Scope of Work is \$17,500 and includes one round of comments from the Pumping and Storage Committee and two meetings – Pumping and Storage Committee and Resilience and Reliability Team.

On motion made by Director Tait, seconded by Director Prior, and unanimously carried, the Treated Imported Water Deliveries to Eaton Spreading Grounds Opportunities and Constraints Study was approved.

11. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

On behalf of the Executive Officer, Ms. Gardner thanked the RBMB for their flexibility and patience in accommodating the time change of today's RBMB Meeting from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

12. ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ms. Gardner introduced Ms. Jenny Savron, Senior Engineer with Stetson Engineers. Ms. Savron then referred to the written Engineers Report included in the agenda packet, highlighting hydrologic conditions and information by subarea on rainfall, well levels, production records and spreading.

Director, Burt, Chair, asked for any questions of Ms. Savron, and with none offered, ordered the report received and filed.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

Director Burt, Chair, referred to the items included in the agenda packet.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, a motion was made by Director Prior, seconded by Director Ahlen, and unanimously carried, adjourning to the next Regular Board meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. (Azusa).

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Chris Burt, Chair

Attest:

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Gary Takara, Secretary

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